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No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1861, No. 5,885:—

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Masulipatam, 19th October 1861, No. 260.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of the Board that owing to the favorable state of the season in July and August, a great breadth of land was sown with both wet and dry crops. The rain-fall in those months was very good, and the freshes in the Kistna unusually high. At the beginning of September, there was every promise of a good season. On the 2nd of that month, the Kistna began to rise, and continued in heavy flood until the 6th, inundating the Divi Táluq, and destroying the crops both dry and wet to a great extent. No rain, however, fell then, and there has been an almost total failure from that time to this; added to this the heat of the weather has been unusually great, and for the last fifteen or twenty days there has been an almost uninterrupted continuance of strong dry land wind, at times raising the thermometor to upwards of 92° within the house. Owing to the continued drought, the dry crops are reported to be withering in many Táluqs, and the wet crops dependent on tanks, are similarly suffering.

Rain-fall.	Inches.
July...	5·44
August...	4·35
Rain-fall in September.... ...	3·98

2. The wet crops under the anicut channels are in better condition, but the great heat of the weather, and in some places scarcity of water are exercising an injurious influence on them.

Grains.	Price per garce.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Fasli 1270.	Fasli 1271.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Paddy.....	115	133	18	0
Jonnalu or great millet.... ..	150	170	20	0
Menumulu	280	370	90	0
Lamp oil seed	210	250	40	0
Raggy....	120	160	40	0
Red gram...	170	180	10	0
Bengal gram..	280	320	40	0

3. The prices of grain are also rising, and the marginal statement will show that they are in excess of what they were last year; at the same time, should the north-east monsoon set in speedily, and the fall of rain be good and general, a good proportion of the standing crops may be saved, otherwise, I fear, there will be extensive failure, and much distress. The early crops are reported in some Táluqs to be quite destroyed.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board trust that every effort is being made to complete the system of the Kistna Irrigation works.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1861, No. 2,108.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Kistna District
Collector's Kacheri
at Masulipatam
19th October 1861.

/Signed/ G. Thornhill
Acting Collector.

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/A true Copy and Extract/

Secretary

C. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Treasurer

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Reporting on the state of the Season in the district and its effect on cultivation during July, August and September 1861.-

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